### FARM LOAN BILL

Congressman Doolittle's Measare Due to Pass This Session.

It Has the Backing of Kansas 1d Farmers Generally.

# INTEREST RATE 3 PER CENT

Plan Provides for a Maximum Amount of \$12,000.

Congressman Doolittle's farm loan bill, with provisions even more advantigeous to farmers than in the original measure is due to pass congress at this session, according to information from Washington. The measure by the Fourth district congressman is now in the hopper and will probably be called up for consideration early in the session.

started a fight for a farm

A Vital Change.

One of the changes in the new Doorlittle measure concerns an increase in the maximum loan from \$6,000 to \$1200. The new bill also provides for the establishment of a bureau of farm loans under direction of the treasury department. An appropriation of \$5,00,00 to provided to put in operation the machinery necessary for the operation of the farm loan plan. Loans under the plan of the Doolittle hill, will be made by the government at an interest rate of 2 per cent and for an amount not exceeding 75 per cent of the value of the land. Persons participating under the system must like on and operate the farms securing the loan.

Some Sort of a Bill.

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"Some sort of farm loan bill is going to pass congress at this session," Doo-little wrote to a Kamas friend. "I am confident that much of my bill will go into the new law. It is the most popular farm loan bill yet introduced and the demand for the measure means that congress must act. To my mind there will be no measure before congress at this session which will more vitally concern the central west."

with but slight changes. The change linereasing the maximum loan will remeet all general conditions relative the demand for federal farm aid.

### WILL BE SETTLED

Meanwhile, the press is withholding comment. The remarks incidental to the announcement that the note had been received were temperate and even friendly.

All circles are convinced the outlook may fairly be described as favorable.

International Commission.

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No inking has been gained as to the nature of the forthcoming Austro-Hungarian communication to the United States. But in this connection interest attaches to an article by Prof. interest attaches to an article by Prof. Henry M. Lammasch, one of the leading Austrian authorities on international law. Professor Lammasch, who is a member of the tribunal at The Hague, suggests that in view of the fact that there is a misunderstanding between the two nations, an international commission of naval experts from neutral countries be appointed to examine the Ancona case as was done in the famous Doggerbank incident.

A. P. Hears Real Facts.

The Associated Press correspondent can state on the best authority that the Austrian government as well as the German is willing to do its utmost to maintain good relations with the United States, providing no conditions regarded as prejudicial to the honor of this nation are imposed.

At the American embassy the impression prevails that it is still possible to arrive at a solution of the Ancona question.

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Amsterdam, Dec. 24.—In commenting on the second Ancona note from America to Austria-Hungary concerning the Ancona incident, the Volke Zeitung of Cologne, Germany, makes a vigorous attack on President Wilson. It says the president will not let slip an opportunity to gain a great success since "failure would prejudice his prospects for the next election."

Twas Christmas Eve: And what a night,
The snow was falling fast.
As I burried in my homeward way.
Through the winry blast,
My thoughts were all of the word of the winry and those I loved so dearne sweet home,
Who sented 'round the old log fire,
Would greet me with a cheer. CRIPPLED JIM.

Tomorrow it is Christmas Day,
When Santa Claus will come
To bring a doll for Baby Nell,
And Jack a little drum.
For nights and nights the kids had
"Please, Santa Claus, do come,
We'll look for you at Christmas,
Then we can have such fun."

Their prayers were ringing in my ears, When homeward bound that night, Until I heard a sudden yell.
Then saw an awful sight.
Reclining on the cold, cold ground, I saw a crippled lad;
His bend was cut, his arms were bruised, His face was bleeding bad.

Borrowers Must Reside on My God! I cried, at such a sight, When at the boy I gazed. Until me blood began to chill, My senses all seemed dazed! Gently I raised the little ind, Then with a sigh, I said!

Quickly to my home I ran, And laid him in my bed. Cold and stiff and not a sigh— I thought the hid was dead. The Doctor came, but shock his head, "Poor lad, it's almost o'er, He soon will reach the Golden Shore, Where sorrow is no more."

I sat beside that erippled lad. All through that growny inget.
Expecting every moment,
His soul would take its flight,
To where bells ring their heavenly strains,
Of Goodwill, Peace and Love,
And Angels chant their Heavenly song,
Hosannah reigns above.

The clock had struck the hour eight, mbodying
s bill will
The crippled had raised both his arm
Then opened wide his eyes:
Why what is this, and where am L."
Taquistively—he said.
"But fell me where is Santa Claus,
And why am I in bed. sigh,

"Don't tell me Santa Claus has gone, I want to see him bad, Cause teacher said that Santa Claus-Just loves a crippled lad, I'm only Jim, just crippled Jim, And every right I pray: To some day usest my mother, Where nights are turned to day.

"She died when I was five years old, And left me all alone. The angels took her far away, And now I have no home, My father left us both one day:

Ain't that a pretty sight, Mother! Mother! I am coming, Wait just a little while, Your crippled Jim is coming home," He said with radiant smile.

Hostile Air Craft Is Shot Down Cruiser Is Hit in Attempt to Bombard Front.

Osage City, Kan., Dec. 24.—Osage City will have its first community Christmas tree this evening, at which time a program will be given and about 1,200 children given a treat of candy, nuts and fruit. A beautifully decorated Christmas tree has stood on Market street, all lighted with many colored electric lights, for the past ten days. In addition to the program there will be four or five Santa Clauses to amuse the children.

Red Cross to Mexico.

New York, Dec. 24.—The executive committee of the American Red Cross announced today, following a meeting here, that the organization is prepared to send a corps of physicians and nurses to aid the Mexican authorities in stamping out typhus fever. The meeting was presided over by former President William H. Taft.

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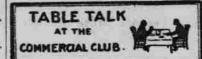
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The People are all right."

He Appoints His Leaders.

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Charles Mitchell saw ex-President Tart's statement about postmasters being nothing but ornaments and immediately made the following statement. "I maintain that if W. O. Circle Around Saloniki.

Early Morning Affairs Feature of Christmas Observance.

sas products at the Panama-Pacific with the Bulgarians concentrated in Messrs. A. T. Reid, Topeka; Frank two Turkish divisions taking a position the Center of the Vardar valley, and the Missions taking a position on the left of the Bulgars. Withits: J. L. Pettyjohn, Olathe; H. E. Dean, Kansas City, Kan., and W. F. Benson, ElDorado—will be the guests of honor. Special stunts will frontier near Dolran, and their right be pulled off and if you miss this event you will regret it. Make reservations early.

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January 12—Carl Vrooman, assistant secretary U. S. department of agriculture. Noon luncheon.

January 13—D. Ward King of Missouri, father of the split-log road drag, and Mrs. G. H. Mathis of Alabama. Mrs. Mathis has a wonderful story of procling positions of procession.

Miss Jones didn't make a speech to Miss Jones didn't make a speech to thank the members of the club for the beautiful gift she received, like Secretary Kelley did, but she wanted this space to tell all her friends that she was "just as tickled as she could

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Christmas too, in spite of the war.
The toy shops of Berlin were nearly
empty all day. Tomorrow morning,
the German boys will find toy soldiers
spick and span in field gray uniforms
with helmets; 42 centimeter guns that
shoot shells filled with candy; little
submarines that actually dive under
the water's surface, battleships torthe water's surface; battleships, tor-pedo boats and military trains.

The shops even displayed miniature battlegrounds with trenches and 24.—The French and German soldiers so the litone in the famous Doggerbank incient.

It is felt in certain quarters here that this procedure would offer the est chance of establishing the facts

Constantinople, Dec. 24.—The French and German soldiers so the little ones could be Von Hindenbergs and Von Klucks and have a toyland war game all their own.

Few Peace Toys, One of the biggest shops showed a toy military railroad with whole trains carrying soldiers and guns to the front and auto trucks ready to unload them

upon their arrival.

There will be few "peace toys" and "peace doils" for the boys and girls of Germany this Christmas. Even the dolls the little girls will get are dressed like Red Cross nurses so they can go out and help their brothers' toy soldiers when they are wounded.

## FORD GIVES UP TRIP

(Continued from Page One.) pean neutral countries apparently was the same.

Newspapers Have Power He Said. Before leaving for Bergen Mr. Ford wrote the following statement for the

Surprise at "etroit. Surprise at 'etroit.

Detroit. Dec. 24.—Although Mrs.

Henry Ford could not be communicated with this forencon, those close to the family expressed great surprise at Mr. Ford's return home.

His private secretary here said necablegram had been received by the family up to 11 o'clock announcing that he would return.

LINED FOR ACTION IN THE CHURCHES

Germans Are Massed 60,000 Several Special Services To Be Strong Around Monastir.

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drag, and Mrs. G. H. Mathis of Alabama. Mrs. Mathis has a wonderful story of practical methods in farming to tell. Noon function.

January 14—Annual meeting. Election of board of directors. Reports of committees.

Word was received at the club today that Ralph Faxon of the Wichita Commercial club had recently been made secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at Des Moines, Ia. Faxon is well known in Topeka and his friends will be interested to know of the change.

The business men celebrated their last meal of the week at the club this noon. Tomorrow the Yuletide spirit will reign supreme and the club will be closed all day.

Related to Higher Institutions Up for Discussion.

The question of whether or not the Kansas colleges should adopt the system of high school accrediting as now used in the state institutions was the principal topic of discussion at the meeting of the Kansas College Presidents' association in the office of the state house this week. Dean D. L. McEachron of Washburn headed a committee to investigate the subject. Professor Deel of Eaker university, and Professor Vanderveide of the College of Emporia, are the other members of the committee.

A special meeting of the school heads may be called soon to take final action on the matter.

There were eighteen representatives of Kansas schools at the conference

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space to tell all her friends that was "just as tickled as she could Her smile was evidence enough the space of pure candy which is safe for the children, it is better to give them taffy or pure candy made at home. "Sugar is a concentrated food and if given on ac empty stomach, even to an adult, it is likely to cause painful indigestion. A few pieces of pure.

HEAD COMMITTEE



William B. McKinley (top) and Jo-seph W. Fordney.

Republican leaders declare that The Rev. Samuel S. Marquis, dean of St. Paul's cathedral, Detroit, sailed from Bergen with Mr. Ford.

Representative 1 Interpresentative 1 Interpresentative 1 Interpresentative 2 Interpresentative 2 Interpresentative 2 Interpresentative 2 Interpresentative 3 Interpr sional committee. The honor is expected to fall upon either Representative William B. McKinley of Illinois or Congressman Joseph W. 560 Fordney of Michigan. Both these Telephone 450. men are millionaires, and are very influential in the councils of the party.

Held Saturday.

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the excellent showing made by Kansas products at the Panama-Pacific with the Bulgarians concentrated in
exposition. The Kansas commission—

Because the Echo De Paris.

The correspondent says 60,000 Gerday. Musical programs have been armans are massed around Monastir,
ranged, some taking place early in the
morning. Following are programs of
Saturday services in the churches:

below the 32-degree point. One year ago today there was 7 inches of snow on the ground and the temperature, the lowest on record for this date, was 10 degrees. The highest on record is 68 degrees, established in 1894.

The Kaw river dropped 1 of a foot since yesterday, making today's stage 5.9 feet.

A variance of only 1 degree in temaster of the Civil war and one of the early settlers of Meade county, passed to his reward.

ber 21 Theodore C. Baxter, a veteran of the Civil war and one of the early settlers of Meade county, passed to his reward.

"Dora," as he was familiarly called, came to this county in the early eightured 3.2 inches. The moisture from the situation of the county in the early eightured 3.2 inches. The moisture from this will measure 41 of an inch. The wind is blowing at the rate of 14 miles an hour from the northwest.

The forecast calls for cloudy and colder weather tonight; Saturdey fair. It is expected that a strong wind will blow from the north or northwest tomorrow.

Hourly toward and one of the early aveteran of the Civil war and one of the early eight occurs. The deade was laid out he opened a blacksmith shop and followed general blacksmithing for a number of years, accumulating considerable property. He retired severally years ago.

FIGHTING GOFS ON

Hourly temperature readings:

7 o'clock ... 32 | 11 o'clock ... 32 8 o'clock ... 32 | 12 o'clock ... 32 9 o'clock ... 32 | 10 c'clock ... 32 10 o'clock ... 32 | 3 o'clock ... 33 Four States Get Snow.

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Kansas City, Dec. 24.—Snow was falling over a greater part of Kansas, this section of Missouri and the southern part of Iowa and Nebraska this morning. Measurements of the precipitation reported to the local weather bureau ranged from one to four inches.

Observer Connor said the storm would extend into the night.

The snow was wet and heavy and interfered somewhat with telegraph and telephone wires in the affected districts. The mercury hovered near the thirty degree mark.

St. Joseph, Mo., reported the heaviest snowfall—four inches being recorded. North Platt, Neb., got three linches, Atchison and Concordia, Kansas City and a number of other points had one inch on the ground early in the morning with the storm continuings.

Atchison, Kan, Dec. 24.—Two

Representative Frank P. Woods of DRUGS AND TOILET GOODS

Gestisat Hobarts The Modern Drug Store CUT-RATE 560 West 10th,

inches of wet snow fell here early to-day and the storm still continues. It has caused some wire trouble but has not delayed things much.

Pirst Snow in Pittsburg. Pittsburg, Dec. 24.—The first snow of the winter is falling here today. A rain that began early this morning gave way to snow at 8:30 o'clock.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 24.—Snow empletely covers this and the southern parts of the state.

St. Louis, Dec. 24.—A heavy snow

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# FIGHTING GOES ON

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Japanese steamer Yasaka Maru by a submarine in the eastern Mediterranean last Tuesday refers to the nationality of the submarine as German.

A. O. U. W. Attention.

Members of Unchurch Lodge No. 244 are requested to attend the funeral of Bro. Chas. Schramm. Saturday afternoon at 3 p. m. from the residence. 215 North Locust.

J. R. RURES, Master Workman.

H. G. THOMPSON, Recorder —Adv.

American Missionary Dead.

Boston, Dec. 24.—The receipt of a cablegram from Japan bringing word of the death of Mrs. Sarah E. Deforest, for 41 years a missionary of the American board of commissioners for foreign missions was announced by the board today.

"Doesn't any of your friends come to see you on visiting days?" asked the kindly old lady. "No'm." responded No. 717.445; they're all here wit me."—Buffalo Express.

### WHEAT

Record Breaking Prices Continue on Chicago Exchange.

HS6431 c. No. 2 mixed, 506940c.
RYE-89690c.
HAY-Market unchanged, Choice timpthy, \$11.006212.00; choice prairie, \$9.5069.
HO.00; choice affalfa, \$15.506216.00.
KAFIR-No. 3 white, 54c.
WHEAT-Receipts 208 cars.
BUTTER-Market unchanged.
EGGS-Market unchanged.
POULTRY-Market unchanged.

Chicago Produce Market.

New York, Dec. 24.—RUTTER—Market barely steady. Creamery extras, 92 score, 3/1-6635c. Market steady. Fresh gathered extra fine, 35-235c. CHEESE—Market firm. State whole milk, flats held specials, 175-617-32c. POULTRY—Dressed, firm; alive, firm. vew York Cotton Market. New York, Dec. 22.—COTTON—Spot, quiet. Middling uplands, 121.15. Sales none.

New Orleans Cotton Market New Orleans, Dec. 24.—COTTON—Spot, mchanged. Middling, 11.69.

New York Sugar Market. New York, Doc. 24. SUGAR—Haw, quiet. Middling uplands, 12-15. Sales 3.75@4.12; refined, stendy. Elgin Butter Market.

Elgin, Ill., Dec. 24.—BUTTER—50 tubs at 34 cents. New York Stock Market.
Wall St. New York, Dec. 24.—STOCKS—Early trading in stocks today was murked by considerable activity and a higher level of prices. United States Steel changed hads in lots of 1,000 to 4,000 shares at 87 to 87%, a moderate advance over yesterday and New York Central, Pennsylvenia and Erie were fractionally higher, offerings of a thousand or more shares being freely absorbed.

Coppers were less conspicuous, but some was issues, notably Buidwin, Locomotive and American Can were nigher, as was also Mercantile Marine preferred, Anglo-New York Stock Market.

French bonds were extremely active with a sale of one lot of 500 (\$500,000) at \$44, with low quotations since the day following the syndicate's dissolution.

The early gains in rails, attributed mainly to the commerce commission's grant of increased freight rates at various western and southwestern points, was followed by an increased demand for Steel. The stock rose almost a point to \$75, a fracefon under its highest price since 1910. Special-ties especially 011 and Automobile issues, were under distinct pressure, General Motors falling 15 to 450. American Tobacco was an exception, rising 7 to 208. Coppers were irregular despite a fixed quotation of 21; cents for the metal. Dealings slackened and prices added to a marked degree before midday.

Bonds were firm.

Topeka Grain Market. (Furnished by J. B. Billard, corner Kan-sas Ave. and Curtis St.) Topeka, Kan., Dec. 24. OATS-30@32c. WHEAT-80@85c. NEW CORN-60c.

Poultry. Eggs and Butter. [Furnished by the Topeka Packing Com-pany, corner Laurent and Madison.]

Butter and Eggs.
[Furntalled by the Bentrice Creamery Co.,
Topeks, Kan.] CHICAGO EGGS—294,65304g.
NEW YORK EGGS—396,356.
CREAMERY BUTTER—Chicago, 334g; New Yor', 564g; Eigin, 334g; Topeka.

Topeka Hay Market. [Furnished by T. A. Beck, 212-14 E. 6tb.] PRAIRIE HAY-\$8,00. Kan., Dec. 24.

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